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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, GATT, MTN, JA
SUBJECT: THROWN SILK

REF: STATE 309050

1. FIVE POINT PROPOSAL ON THROWN SILK CONVEYED TO SAKAI
AT MITI WHO WILL RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE
END OF THE HOLIDAY PERIOD ON JAN. 3. HE SAID HE HAD
BEEN ADVISED BY GATT SECRETARIAT BY TELEPHONE THAT, AS
PRACTICAL MATTER, PANEL REPORT WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED
UNTIL JAN. 10. HE URGED THAT USG ALLOW HIM MORE TIME
BEFORE WE SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR GATT DELEGATION.

2. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH MOFA GATT
DIVISION CHIEF IKEDA WHO MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE FULLY
SUPPORTS SAKAI'S OFFER AND FAVORS A FLEXIBLE AND POSITIVE
GOJ ATTITUDE. HE SUGGESTED OBLIQUELY THAT QUOTA OF
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1700 BALES COULD BE ACCEPTABLE, ALTHOUGH HE DOUBTS
TOTAL COMMITMENT FOR FIXED ANNUAL QUOTAS INTO
INDEFINITE FUTURE, AS STATED IN PROPOSAL A (PARA.
5, REFTEL), WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. IKEDA ALSO
ASKED FOR MORE TIME.

3. IF SAKAI IS RIGHT THAT GATT PANEL WILL NOT

REPORT UNTIL JAN. 10 AT EARLIEST, THE ACCURACY OF WHICH USDEL TO GATT MAY BE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN, THEN PERHAPS NO INSTRUCTIONS NEED BE ISSUED TO OUR DEL BY "CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JAN. 1," GIVING US TIME TO CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM JAPANESE IN FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS IN STRONGEST TERMS THAT WE ALLOW SAKAI TIME HE HAS REQUESTED AND THAT WE CONSIDER HIS RESPONSE RATIONALLY WITHOUT THE TRUCULENCE EXPRESSED IN PARA. 4 OF REFTEL.

4. COMMENT: JAPANESE HAVE MADE A SINCERE EFFORT TO RESOLVE WHAT FOR THEM IS A PRICKLY PROBLEM INVOLVING SENSITIVITIES AT HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL. WE SHOULD DO OUR BEST NOW TO SETTLE IT TO OUR ADVANTAGE AND THEIRS AND ELIMINATE ANY CHANCE THAT NEEDLESS BITTERNESS COULD SOMEHOW DEVELOP AND BECLOUD ATMOSPHERE OF POSSIBLE STRAUSS VISIT.
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